

## Spare the Air and Get a Free BART Ride!



Ride BART free for morning commutes on the first five non-holiday weekday "Spare the Air" days occurring between now and October 14, 2005! Anyone entering a BART station between 4 a.m. and 9 a.m. can ride free.

Expanding on last year's highly successful Spare the Air promotion, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) are partnering with BART and 21 other transit operators to offer riders a free morning commute on declared Spare the Air days.

The estimated \$3.9 million cost of the free ride program will be paid by the Air District and MTC using federal transportation dollars allocated to the Bay Area.

For more information, visit [sparetheair.org](http://sparetheair.org) or 511.org. You can receive advance notification of Spare the Air days by registering for "Air Alerts" at [sparetheair.org](http://sparetheair.org).

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District declares a Spare the Air day when it expects air pollution to reach unhealthy concentrations, which typically occur on hot, windless days. Spare the Air advisories are issued the afternoon before a Spare the Air day.

### Extra Steps for Cutting Smog

Taking BART is a great first step, but to eliminate even more air pollution, consider these alternatives to driving to the BART station.

#### Bicycle to BART

BART offers a number of benefits for cyclists, including free secure bike parking at the Downtown Berkeley, Embarcadero and Fruitvale BART stations. For more information, visit the Bikes on BART section of [bart.gov](http://bart.gov).

#### Carpool to BART

By carpooling to BART you'll save money and receive special parking privileges at most stations. For details, visit the Carpool to BART section of [bart.gov](http://bart.gov). You can also have a friend or relative drop you off at BART on their way to work or school.

#### Ride the Bus to BART

BART's transit partners throughout the Bay Area provide a comprehensive network of services to and from BART stations. Call BART's Customer Service Department for help planning your trip! Call 510/465-2278 or visit the Contact Us section of [bart.gov](http://bart.gov) for local numbers in other area codes.

## BART Turns Blue for Cleaner Air



Once again, BART is changing the look of its signature silver trains to help promote the "Spare the Air" program. This summer five BART cars are wrapped with a "Spare the Air, Ride BART" message, encouraging drivers to reduce pollution by leaving their cars at home. Look for them rolling on BART tracks near you!

## BART Connects to the Capitol Corridor

*Ride the Rails All the Way to Sacramento or San Jose*

Planning a midweek trip or a weekend getaway, but want to avoid the growing congestion on Northern California freeways? Give the Capitol Corridor a try. Capitol Corridor offers up to 24 daily trains and connects Sacramento to the Sierra foothills and to San Jose.



The Capitol Corridor intercity passenger rail service and connecting motorcoaches serve many popular destinations throughout Northern California with 17 stations including 11 in the Bay Area.

The Richmond intermodal station and the new Oakland Coliseum platform make connecting between BART and the Capitol Corridor even easier.

July is Capitol Corridor month on BART! Help us celebrate how easy it is to transfer between BART and Capitol Corridor. Representatives will be in

BART stations throughout July handing out free chilled Starbucks Frappuccinos with information about Capitol Corridor summer specials. Visit [www.capitolcorridor.org](http://www.capitolcorridor.org) for locations, dates and times.

## Oakland Coliseum Capitol Corridor Platform Now Open

Capitol Corridor service began last month at the new Oakland Coliseum Rail Platform.



Passengers using the platform can easily walk to the Coliseum/Oakland Airport BART station via an accessible ramp that connects to a pedestrian bridge.

The platform features three passenger shelters to protect customers from the elements and an adjacent parking lot has 35 spaces.

# Question of the Month



**Before I got on the train this morning, I realized I had left my car lights on and went out of the station to shut them off. Why was money deducted from my ticket when I didn't even ride the train?**

When you exit BART from the same station you entered, the system recognizes this and charges a \$4.40 "excursion fare."

BART's fare collection system permits entry at any station, travel throughout the BART system, and back, and as long as the passenger exits at the same station they entered, the charge is \$4.40 no matter how far out and back they traveled.

Say you want to take a "dry run" for a BART trip from Pittsburg/Bay Point to SFO. Fare for that trip is \$7.45 each way. But if you get to SFO, do not exit the faregates, and then ride back to Pittsburg/Bay Point, your ticket is charged just \$4.40.

If you need to leave the station without having ridden the train, to turn off your headlights, for example, see the station agent first, who can remedy the situation and save you the \$4.40 excursion fare.

## BART Safety Tip

BART wants you to have a safe trip, not a dangerous slip! Please be especially careful when walking through BART stations and on platforms.



### Here's a tip from BART's System Safety Department:

Avoid multitasking while walking in the station area.

We know you're busy and time is at a premium, but making a cell phone call, checking your PDA or selecting a different playlist on your iPod are all activities that can wait until you're comfortably aboard the train or seated on a bench.

We appreciate your business and want you back soon. Thank you for riding BART.

## GOOD TIMES

### The 4th Annual Oakland Street Peace Festival

Lakeside Park Bandstand Area, Lake Merritt  
**BART: Lake Merritt**

**Saturday, July 16, noon-5 p.m.:** Free event will feature positive music, inspirational speakers, ethnic dancers, and vendors offering healthy food and lifestyle products. The musical lineup features Source of Light; Bantaba, featuring master drummer Moshe Milton; Sdouae; Oaktown Jazz; and Fiyawata.

### Tovah Feldshuh in "Golda's Balcony"

A.C.T.'s Geary Theater  
415 Geary St., San Francisco  
[www.act-sf.org](http://www.act-sf.org) or 415/749-2ACT  
**BART: Powell**

**July 26-Aug. 13:** Feldshuh re-creates her award-winning portrait of the Milwaukee schoolteacher who in 1969 became Israel's prime minister. The performance explores the birth of Israel in the wake of the Holocaust and the subsequent, seemingly endless struggle for peace.

### The San Francisco Theater Festival

Yerba Buena Center for the Arts  
701 Mission (at Third Street), San Francisco  
[www.sftheaterfestival.org](http://www.sftheaterfestival.org) or 415/543-1718  
**BART: Powell or Montgomery**

**Sunday, July 24, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.:** an amazing and unique one-day event at which 60 professional Bay Area theater groups and solo artists perform short pieces running the gamut from comedy to drama, musical to improv, hip-hop to Shakespeare, mime to storytelling, on 9 stages all located within the Yerba Buena arts complex. The event also includes an exciting series of children shows. Admission to all shows is FREE.



### What's Cookin'? Two Centuries of American Food Ways

Hayward Area Historical Society Museum  
22701 Main St., Hayward  
[www.haywardareahistory.org](http://www.haywardareahistory.org) or 510/581-0223  
**BART: Hayward, three-block walk**

**Through July 30:** What we eat defines our family traditions, ethnic heritage and regional customs. This traveling exhibit explores these issues and many others. Displays include gadgets, cookbooks and artifacts from the past. At 7 p.m. each Thursday night during the exhibit, demonstrations and tastings will explore culinary traditions from various cultures represented locally, including Arabic, Danish, Hawaiian, Mexican, Nigerian, Portuguese, African-American and Vietnamese.

### Pots: Objects of Virtue, a National Juried Exhibition

Bedford Gallery  
Dean Lesher Regional Center for the Arts  
1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek  
**BART: Walnut Creek**

**Through Aug. 28:** Ceramic pots by more than 150 local and national artists. Featured artists include Robert Brady, Mary Law, Ruth Duckworth, Warren MacKenzie and Toshiko Takaezu.

### Gilbert & Sullivan's "The Gondoliers"

Performed by The Lamplighters  
**July 22-31:** Yerba Buena Center for the Arts  
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701 Mission (at Third Street), San Francisco  
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**Aug. 4-6:** Dean Lesher Regional Center for the Arts  
1601 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek  
**BART: Walnut Creek**  
415/227-4797 or [www.lamplighters.org](http://www.lamplighters.org)  
Familiar G&S themes in a Venetian setting – a mixup of identities at birth and a plot that skewers issues of social equality and the class system with typically brilliant wit.

## Catch BART Double Play Wednesdays

Every A's Wednesday home game is a Double Play Wednesday brought to you by BART. Purchase View Level game tickets for just \$2! Hot dogs for just \$1! Call 510/762-BALL and get your tickets today!

### Upcoming Double Play Wednesdays:

Wed. July 27, 12:35 vs Cleveland  
Wed. August 10, 7:05 vs LA Angels of Anaheim  
Wed. August 17, 12:35 vs Baltimore  
Wed. Sept. 7, 12:35 vs Seattle  
Wed. Sept. 21, 12:35 vs Minnesota  
Wed. Sept. 28, 7:05 vs LA Angels of Anaheim

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